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SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" Are the Government aware that in spite of the information given in the answer that the settlers were coming in voluntarily, the police are bringing in persons forcibly and keeping them in the settlements? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" It is not true."

SRI K. KRISHNA RAO :—" Is it not a fact that, by allowing voluntary settlers who do not come under the provisions of the Habitual Offenders Act, the Government are circumventing the Act and seeing to it that persons whom the police do not like are simply forced into the settlements? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" The presumption is not correct."

SRI R. KRISHNAN :—" Where are these settlements situated, what are the handicrafts taught there and have the Government any statistics regarding habitual offenders? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNA NAIR :—" There are four settlements. Every year, a report on the administration of the settlements is published. It contains information about the acreage, the number of families, the handicrafts taught, etc."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" What are the bases by which admission to these settlements is regulated? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" The Habitual Offenders Act."

Disafforestation of Allur-Nizampatnam block in Guntur district.

* 265 Q.—SRI V. SRI KRISHNA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the year in which the Allur-Nizampatnam block in Guntur district was disafforested for assignment;

(b) whether the said land has now been assigned; and

(c) if not, why not?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) In 1945.

" (b) & (c) In December 1950 these lands were ordered to be assigned to political sufferers, ex-servicemen and landless poor."

SRI V. SRI KRISHNA :—" In spite of the fact that orders were issued more than two years ago, the said land has not been assigned, and will the Government see that the land is assigned to the landless poor immediately? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Seven hundred and fifteen acres are reserved for the colonization of ex-servicemen and detailed estimates for the scheme were sanctioned on 30th June 1952. Seven hundred and fifty acres are reserved for landless poor. Orders were passed on 20th November 1952 for the registration of a co-operative society for the landless poor of Mithilanagaram village."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" How many acres were reserved for the political sufferers previously, and how many acres out of the reservation were resumed by the Government as a result of the recent orders, and do the Government propose to take away the lands assigned to political prisoners who have other means of livelihood? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" They are not political prisoners, they are political sufferers. Eight hundred and twenty-two acres were reserved for political sufferers. The land has been more or less equally divided between political sufferers, ex-servicemen and landless poor."

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" May I know the total extent disafforested in this block? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Two thousand two hundred and eighty-seven acres."

SRI V. SRI KRISHNA :—" In the last session, the Hon. Minister said that the orders issued in December 1950 were cancelled and that priority was given to the landless poor. Now he reports that 822 acres are reserved for political sufferers. How can there be this contradiction? Will the Government see that the land is assigned to the landless poor and ex-servicemen without wasting any more time? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I merely mentioned the manner in which land was ordered to be distributed. With regard to political sufferers, if there are pending cases the assignments will be cancelled. But in cases where patta had already been granted, we cannot help."

SRI M. VEERABHADRAM :—" The Hon. Minister made a difference between a political prisoner and a political sufferer. May I know what the difference is? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Let the hon. Member sit quiet and ponder over it for a minute and he will know it."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" In view of the acute need for reafforestation in our country, will the Government consider the resumption of lands assigned to political prisoners and start reafforestation? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Re-afforestation also is going on. But where a thing is a *fait accompli*, we have no choice."

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SRI P. VENKATASUBBAYYA :—" Under what conditions, the Government will agree to deforestation and assignment of the deforested lands? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
" It is a general question. If a separate question is put, I will answer."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" The Hon. Minister was pleased to say that political sufferers and landless labourers were given equal opportunities in the distribution of land. Does the Hon. Minister think it right to classify landless labourers, who are mostly Harijans, along with political sufferers? Are not political sufferers better off than landless labourers? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
" I am sorry a mistake has crept in. I said that the land distributed in the manner I mentioned was more or less equal. Now it is being revised."

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" If a political sufferer becomes unemployed, has no other means of livelihood and becomes a landless poor, will he be treated as a landless poor? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
" If a political sufferer becomes a landless poor, under the present policy he can take advantage of his being a landless poor and forget his political suffering."

SRI V. SRI KRISHNA :—" There is too much delay in assigning lands to landless poor and in organizing a co-operative society for ex-servicemen. This delay is caused because of lack of co-ordination among the Revenue, Public Works and Co-operative Departments. Will the Government see that the lands are assigned immediately, as the lands are remaining uncultivated for the last five or six years? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
" I thought that non-co-operation days were over about two decades ago. But now also there is non-co-operation. With regard to ex servicemen and landless poor, orders have been passed on the lines indicated by me, and they will be implemented. As regards political sufferers, if there are pending cases, the assignments will be cancelled."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Questions pertaining to the Education Department, namely, 266, 267, 270, 274 and 282 will be taken up to-morrow." 8-50 a.m.

Thumbalam Reserve Forest, Musiri taluk.

* 268 Q.—SRI S. P. THANGAVELU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the annual income derived from Thumbalam Reserve Forest in Musiri taluk;